



# MHRC NEWSLETTER

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## THIS ISSUE

Winter Dressage Championship  
AGM & Presentation Evening  
Jumping Clinic



## EDITOR'S BIT

One month in and 2020 is already setting out to be a busy year. With our AGM and Dressage Championship already done and dusted, plus some SJ training to clear away the Christmas cobwebs, we've definitely started off with a bang! Long may it continue.

As we go to press, the competition dates are starting to be updated and confirmed, so do keep an eye on the website or the back pages of the newsletter so that you don't miss something you're interested in having a go at. We'll also be working on our own plans for the following year, so watch this space.

I always think this is quite an exciting, and yet frustrating time of year. Maybe you're starting to think about what competitions you'd like to aim for or Championships (whether BRC or otherwise!) you'd like to qualify for. Schedules are starting to appear and an undercurrent of excitement and dreams of future accolades become welcome distractions. Sadly, furry ponies, wet fields, dark nights and the ever present rain can make those dreams seem a life time away. But patience my young Jedi's - spring is just around the corner!

And in the meantime, enjoy this edition of the newsletter and remember to jot down those new dates .....

*Until next time, Caroline*

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# AGM & PRESENTATION EVENING 24th January 2020



The past twelve months seemed to have flown by, as we found ourselves once more at the AGM to celebrate yet another fantastic year.

The meeting was

opened by Caroline, who welcomed everyone, whether new members or more familiar friends. It was also lovely to see Lyn Harber, our club President, who after 3 years battling illness, was well enough to come along and say hello.

Caroline went on to mention the top highlights of the year - Lottie and Steph being crowned overall National Champions, winning the Interdressage BRC League and the Mercian League,. But she also wanted to celebrate the smaller victories, the camaraderie we share at events, the fantastic reputation we have amongst the BRC movement



and the amazing members who have all improved their skills and confidence.

There were some public thank you's to share - to Esther and Antony Bowness for stepping

in last minute to do the catering, to Jess Depper for the Chocolate Fountain, all the Committee members who work so hard throughout the year, to all the members who support, compete and volunteer, and lastly, the night was dedicated to the most important members of all - our horses.

Next, our team managers, Chris and Jodie, stepped up and congratulated everyone on the amazing success we've had this year at Area, Championship and Mercian level.

There was then a discussion about training clinics, with Sarah highlighting a few changes.

Mainly that we will be moving away from the many weeks of evening sessions, which are not always easy to fill, and having more one of weekend sessions, especially in the winter months. Anyone who has a favourite instructor or venue was urged to contact Sarah, as we are always looking for different ideas.

It was then time for dinner, with a fantastic buffet and the chocolate fountain to enjoy, while Camilla's quiz kept everyone entertained at their tables.

Once back into action, Caroline went through a few dates that are coming up. There was also a request for everyone



## JUMPING CLINIC



We were graced with some lovely sunny weather for our first clinic of 2020. Jo Winfield provided a whole days worth of training, overseeing members from 70cm right up to 1m+.

It was a fun day ... and entertaining ... with some rather fresh horses out for the first time this season.

Each session started with a warm-up and a quick chat with Jo about each rider's aims and needs. Then it was time to leave the ground, popping over a single jump that started off as a cross-pole, changed to an upright and finally an oxer. As soon as everyone was comfortable, Jo then introduced some varied lines around the arena, which definitely posed some questions and tested the rider's steering. As well as the normal show jump type obstacles, the courses included a double of skinny roll tops and an arrowhead, for those who wanted an extra challenge.

It was a fab day and enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Jo for giving up her day. And also to our volunteers who came along to pole-pick and change jumps - Alison Burton, Linda Kemp, Kelly Hudson, Sarah & Sophie Bowness, Heather Westgate, Sara Stephenson, Di Symonds, Sarah Gilderson and Katie Ruff - your help was much appreciated.

# AGM & PRESENTATION EVENING continued



to have a think about who could be approached about hiring land to have events/ training on grass, as we've sadly lost the fields next to the Three Counties, which are up for sale.

And then it was the voting in of the 2020 committee. Everyone agreed to stay on in their current roles, except for Julie, who after 8+ years of organising the clinics, has decided to stand down. Everyone thanked her for her hard work and she was presented with the gift voucher.

Esther Bowness will be joining the committee to deputise for Chris in the Area Team Manager role, as Chris will be training as an Area 18 Official Steward this year. Joining Sarah in organising training is Katherine Jones and Gemma Snow.

The evening was rounded up by the



Presentation of Trophies and Rosettes, our amazing raffle and the results of the Quiz.

It was a fab evening,

enjoyed by all. Here's to 2020 and to another great year.

"Prinnie & I would like to thank everyone for our lovely awards that we received at the AGM.

Sadly last year I lost my mum at the beginning of March & then my dad at the end of June. This is something that you can never be prepared for & it turned my world upside down

BUT the support & love we received from the riding club family was just amazing. I would have loved to have been able to stand up & thank everyone

last Friday night but sadly I new I wouldn't have been able to do it without crying, not a pretty sight! I can't thank you all enough, the help, love & support from you all was SO much appreciated. My mum & dad would be so proud of what we've achieved just wish they'd have been here to see it. Thank you to you all & here's to a fantastic 2020 all competing together again. Good luck." - Jo Jaynes



## 2019 AWARD WINNERS

- \* Committee Cup: Karen Kilby
- \* Achiever's Cup: Lottie Gilderson
- \* Club Support: Pam Render
- \* Progression Shield: Luan Crawford
- \* Progression Cup: Jess Depper
- \* Outstanding Achievement at Area : Oliver Hooper
- \* Outstanding Achievement at Mercian: Jo Jaynes
- \* Chairman's Cup: Sara Stephenson
- \* Lofty Cup: Tina Price
- \* Midas Cup: Freckles (owned by Steph Woolley)
- \* Team Player Award: Jo Jaynes

### PEPPER POT POINTS LEAGUE

- \* Senior Dressage: Steph Woolley & Freckleton Mator
- \* Junior Dressage: Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle
- \* Senior Jumping: Jo Jaynes & Emily Jane
- \* Junior Jumping: Esme Ruff & Finnian's Rebel
- \* Senior Combined Events: Sara Stephenson & Lliedi Susan and Sue Moger & Ballygill Bob
- \* Junior Combined Events: Esme Ruff & Finnian's Rebel
- \* Senior Overall: Jo Jaynes & Emily Jane
- \* Junior Overall: Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle

Rosettes were awarded in the overall leagues from 1st to 15th - for the full list of winners, check out the website.



# MHRC 2020 MEMBERS GUIDE

With lots of new members joining us this year, we thought we'd put together a handy little guide to help you understand what's going on - and provide a little refresher for our long term members ☺

- ⇒ **AREA 18:** BRC split the country into different areas for competition and administration. MHRC is in Area 18.
- ⇒ **AREA 18 QUALIFIERS:** These are competitions between all the different clubs within Area 18. They cover Show Jumping, Dressage, Arena Eventing, Horse Trials, Dressage to Music and Combined Training. Winning Teams and Individuals qualify for one of the BRC National Championships.
- ⇒ **BODY PROTECTORS:** When worn, these should be Level 3 2009 or after with a purple tag, or 2018 or after with a blue tag. Not wearing one to the current standard may invalidate your insurance.
- ⇒ **BRC RULEBOOK:** This can be downloaded for free from the BRC website. Anyone wanting to compete in a qualifier should read the rules.
- ⇒ **BRITISH RIDING CLUBS (BRC):** Our governing body who oversees all our competitions, provides insurance, runs Championships, etc.
- ⇒ **CLUB CLOTHING:** A variety of club clothing for horse and rider can be purchased through the website or directly from Linda Kemp. It is not compulsory to wear club colours for team events, but is encouraged. Numnahs can be borrowed for Championships. Cross-Country colours will be provided for all relevant events.
- ⇒ **INTERDRESSAGE:** An online Dressage, Showing and Jumping competition, with a League for Riding Clubs that runs from October to April. MHRC arrange filming days for anyone who want to take part.
- ⇒ **MERCIAN EVENTS:** These are fun team events between different local riding clubs. There are no championships to qualify for, just the honour of the club!
- ⇒ **MIDLANDS ASSOCIATION OF RIDING CLUBS (MIDARC):** MHRC are part of this group and all our events are qualifiers for their Championships.
- ⇒ **PEPPER POT LEAGUE:** Every member is automatically entered into this points league. You earn points every time to enter a competition run by MHRC, or represent the club at a team, individual or fun competition. Rosettes are awarded to 15th place and there are trophies for the winners. See the website for more details.
- ⇒ **PRELIM ENTRIES:** This is a separate fee paid to BRC for every team or individual that enters an Area qualifier. MHRC pay these on behalf of our members.
- ⇒ **RIDING HATS:** All hats worn for club activities (including clinics) must be PAS015: 1998 or 2011 with Kite mark; VG1 01.040 2014-12 with kitemark; ASTM F1163 2004a or 04a marked SNELL E2001 or E2016; AS/NZS 3838:2006 onwards. For full rules see current rulebook. All hats must have a turquoise tag for Area Qualifiers and Championships. Not wearing a hat to a current standard may invalidate your insurance.
- ⇒ **RIDING TEST:** A BRC competition similar to a Dressage test, but judged solely on the rider's ability rather than the way of going of the horse.
- ⇒ **SOUTH WEST AND WALES RIDING CLUBS (SWWRC):** MHRC are part of this group, which has a Championship every year at Hartpury. Teams qualify at Area 18 qualifiers if they don't qualify for the BRC National Championships.
- ⇒ **STYLE JUMPING:** A BRC competition that is judged on how you approach and prepare for a jump, rather than the results.

## Things to Note

- ⇒ If you compete at an Area Qualifier and are successful, you will be expected to attend the corresponding Championship. Please make a note of these dates when putting your name down for a team
- ⇒ Clinics and Entry Fees must be paid for in advance unless by prior arrangement with the organiser (i.e.. Will pay cash/cheque on the day). Fees will be refunded if a replacement can be found or you can provide a doctors/vet note.
- ⇒ If you qualify for a BRC Championship, MHRC will pay half of the entry fee. Any member who wishes to pay the full amount can do so - all donations towards costs are gratefully received.
- ⇒ Any member who consistently fails to pay or turn up for clinics./events, will be put on a 'watch' list and not allowed to enter any more events until debts are paid!
- ⇒ Please remember this is all supposed to be fun! However, any issues or complaints should be raised with a member of the committee.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

- Keep an eye on your e-mails for up to date communications - if you change your e-mail, please remember to let us know.
- Read your newsletter!
- Regularly check our website for future events and new dates.
- Join our FaceBook page for up to the minute news and results.
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel for videos of our events.
- Make a note of the contact numbers on the front of the newsletter. In the case of an emergency (ie. You need to withdraw from a clinic or team on the day of the event), please call/text - FaceBook messages or e-mails may not be seen by that person, but a phone call will get through.



## DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP 26th January 2020

Our luck with the weather unfortunately didn't hold out for our Championship Dressage Show - but it could have been worse! But a few showers weren't going to put off the dedicated riders who had qualified to ride.

It was a busy day, with 6 sections to contend, and started off with the Intro Restricted class, who all rode the Intro C. The winner of the class was new member, Lavinia, who also took the MHRC Champion sash, with Di Symonds (in 3rd place), who was Reserve.

The Intro B Open class was hotly contended, and it was the Junior Riders who triumphed. Another new member, Isabella, won the class and was MHRC Champions, with 2nd place Florence taking the Reserve.

Florence was also victorious in the Prelim restricted, winning the class and the MHRC Champion sash, with Ashleigh in 2nd place and reserve.

The Open Prelim class was won by non-member, Verity Roberts. The MHRC Champion went to Lottie in 2nd place, with the reserve going to 3rd place Isabella.

Verity also won the Novice class, with 2nd place Stef taking MHRC Champion and Julie the Reserve in 5th.

The last class of the day was the Elementary, which was won by Julie, with Luan in 2nd, who took the Champion and Reserve also.



The last accolades of the day were awarded to the pairs who won the most points over the three qualification shows. The comprehensive winner was Florence and Blaze, with an impressive 66 points, and they were awarded a sash and rosette. Lottie and Verity drew for 2nd place with 44 points, but Lottie had the higher average percentage over the series, and so won the sash and rosette for 1st Reserve, with Verity winning a sash for 2nd reserve.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped - our judges Sam Amos and Nicki Mundy, our writer Rita Woolley, our stewards Nicky Esling, Katherine Jones and Linda Medcalf, our scorer Camilla Esling, our photographer Jessie Staines and secretary Chris Esling.

The series will return next Autumn.

PHOTOS: © Jess Photography. TOP (from left) Isabella Thomas & Paddy / Stef Bennett & Buster / Luan Crawford & Merkur BOTTOM: Lavinia Westlake & Henley

## MHRC RESULTS

(for full results, check out our website)

**INTRO: RESTRICTED** 1st = Lavinia Westlake & Henley / 3rd = Diane Symonds & Jeeves / 4th = Suzanne Lidbetter & Mai  
**INTRO: OPEN** 1st = Isabella Thomas & Paddy / 2nd = Florence Bradbury & Blaze / 4th = Pip Webster & Flashman's Lad / 5th = Jennifer Young & Treleas Blue / 7th = Rosanna Perandin & Konrad / 8th = Ashleigh Earle & Gleanmhor Pavanne / 9th = Tracey Cameron & Fleuradina  
**PRELIM: RESTRICTED** 1st = Florence Bradbury & Blaze / 2nd = Ashleigh Earle & Gleanmhor Pavanne / 3rd = Jennifer Young & Treleas Blue / 4th = Tracey Cameron & Fleuradina  
**PRELIM: OPEN** 2nd = Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle / 3rd = Isabella Thomas & Paddy / 5th = Esme Ruff & Finn / 7th = Sara Stephenson & Suzy / 9th = Sue Peckham & Trehais Leonardo  
**NOVICE: OPEN** 2nd = Stef Bennet & Buster Grove / 5th = Julie Jeffes & Hederfeld Smokey Joe / 6th = Caroline Bates & Smokey Joe / 7th = Ann Brennan & Greylands Beaver Brook  
**ELEMENTARY OPEN** 1st = Julie Jeffes & Hederfeld Ash / Luan Crawford & Merkur

## EQUINE INFLUENZA RULES

- **NEW** rules regarding Flu Vaccinations. To compete in **AREA QUALIFIERS** or **BRC CHAMPIONSHIPS**, you must have had a booster within 6 months and 21 days of the competition (but not within the preceding 6 days).
- Passports will be checked at qualifiers and Championships. Horses will be eliminated if they do not comply
- This **DOES NOT** mean you have to have a booster every 6 months, but can target a specific qualifier or championship if you wish.
- For **MERCIAN** competitions, horses should be vaccinated with a minimum of a 12 month booster, but passports will not be checked. **HOWEVER**, certain venues may have other rules and these will be clearly printed on the schedule.
- For full rules, please see current BRC rulebook. If unsure, please contact Caroline or Chris, but well before the competition itself to allow time to sort any issues.

## PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2020

Here are the top riders in each of the 2020 Leagues - for the full league tables, check out our website.

### SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Jennifer Young and Tresleas Blue	185
2nd	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	150
3rd	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	135
4th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	120
5th	Ashleigh Earle and Gleanmhor Pavanne	110
6th	Pip Webster and Flashmans Lad	90

### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	165
2nd	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	150
3rd	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	135
4th	Felix Westgate-Wilson and Tronto	105
5th	Sophie Bowness and Bruno Mars	75
6th	Sophie Chichester and Poppy	40

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Ashleigh Earle and Gleanmhor Pavanne	110
2nd	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	90
3rd	Tracey Cameron and Flueradina	85
4th	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	80
	Jennifer Young and Tresleas Blue	80
6th	Stef Bennet and Buster Grove	65

### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	150
3rd	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	135
2nd	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	110
4th	Lilly Collop and Scribble	15

### SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Jennifer Young and Tresleas Blue	105
2nd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	75
	Hannah Chisman and Clondaw Sam	75
4th	Anna Robson and Academy Award	65
	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	65
6th	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	60

### JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Felix Westgate-Wilson and Tronto	105
2nd	Sophie Bowness and Bruno Mars	75
3rd	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	55
4th	Sophie Chichester and Poppy	40
5th	Felix Westgate-Wilson and Chwibanu Chiff-Chaff	35
6th	Sacha Willis and Jemima	25

## WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

For the latest schedules, times and future events, please go to [www.malvernhillsideclub.com](http://www.malvernhillsideclub.com)

### February 2020

16th	Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern
22nd to 23rd	Area Winter SJ Qualifier, Lincomb Equestrian, Stourport

### March 2020

1st	Area Intermediate DR Qualifier, Abbey Dressage, Fiddington
4th	Horseless Clinic with Treehouse Sporting Colours, Castlemorton Village Hall
14th - 15th	BRC Arena Eventing Championship, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells,
28th-29th	BRC Novice Winter Championship, Arena UK, Grantham, Lincs

### April 2020

19th	Area Combined Training Qualifier & MHRC Open DR, Ace Cross-Country, Tewkesbury
24th-26th	BRC Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm, Slapton, Bucks

### May 2020

10th	Mercian Show Jumping, Cleeve Prior
17th	Area DTM Qualifier, Stourport Equestrian Centre, Stourport
23rd	Two Phase, Gracelands, Droitwich
30th-31st	BRC Festival of the Horse Championship, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Northants

### June 2020

7th	Mercian Dressage, Abbey Dressage, Fiddington
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Junior Pepper Pot Winners 2020